# NORTH BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP | MINUTES....

REGULAR MEETING May 16, 2022

A Regular Meeting of the North Brunswick Township Council was held on Monday May 16, 2022 at 7:04pm in The Board of Education Room in the back entrance of the Linwood School located at 25 Linwood Place, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey meeting also accessible by virtual platform of GoToMeeting – Access Code: 969-505-917 / One Touch Call In # (646) 749-3122, 969505917#

Mayor Womack calls the meeting to order.

Roll call:

Present: Ms. Guadagnino, Messrs. Mehta, Lopez, Andrews, Socio and Davis

Absent: None

Ms. Russo announced that the notice requirements of the law have been satisfied. Notices were sent by certified mail on March 1, 2022 to the following:

a) The Home News Tribune b) Star Ledger c) North Brunswick Sentinel

Notice receipts are on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office. Also, notices were posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Complex and filed in the Municipal Clerk's Office.

Council President Davis leads the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Also present: (Via Go to Meeting) Business Administrator Justine Progebin, Ron Gordon Esq., Director of Parks, Recreation & Community Services Lou Ann Benson, Chief Public Safety Joseph Battaglia, Director of Public Works Eric Chaszar, Director of Community Development Michael Hritz, Chief Financial Officer Cavel Gallimore, Assistant Purchasing Agent Samantha Sickles, Municipal Clerk Lisa Russo and Clerk 3 Nellie Sowell.

Mayor Womack acknowledges that this week is EMS week. He wants to show appreciation for all the hard work the EMS do. He calls up members of the North Brunswick Township EMS. Mayor Womack is proud to be in a Town with EMS as good as this. North Brunswick Township EMS has always ben there to responded whenever needed, even to other Towns. It gives the Mayor much Pride.

Mayor Womack askes council members if any items are to be removed from the Consent Agenda. Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve <u>items 4a - 4m</u> on the consent agenda. Motion made by Council President Davis, second by Councilman Socio.

Roll call:

Yays: Ms. Guadagnino, Messrs. Mehta, Lopez, Andrews, Socio and Davis

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None

### Consent Agenda

- a. 151-5.22 Certifying Review of the Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Audit
- b. 152-5.22 Authorizing the Application and Acceptance of a State Grant from the State of New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety
- c. 153-5.22 Authorizing the Acceptance of the Sale of Auctioned Abandoned Motor Vehicles
- d. 154-5.22 Authorizing the Advertisement for Receipt of Bids for Improvements
  Of Tennis Courts
- e. 155-5.22 Authorizing the Request of Formal Quotes Under the Department of Public Works for the Purchase and Install of Two Snow Plows
- f. 156-5.22 Authorizing a Change in Scope to the Professional Services Agreement With CME Associates
- g. 157-5.22 Authorizing Award of Contract BID22001 for the 2022 Road Improvement Program
- h. 158-5.22 Supporting the Establishment of Dedicated Bike Lanes and New Traffic Patterns as Part of the NJDOT Pavement Resurfacing and Intersection Improvement Project Along Livingston Avenue
- i. 159-5.22 Authorizing a Collective Bargaining Agreement with RWDSU Local 108 Blue Collar Division
- j. 160-5.22 Authorizing the Cancellation of Taxes on Exempt Property Know As Block 224.02, Lots 25.01 and 25.02
- k. 161-5.22 Authorizing a Water/Sewer Credit on Exempt Property Known As Block 224.02, Lots 25.01 and 25.02
- I. 162-5.22 Amending Management Employment Agreement with Joseph Battaglia For The Position Of Acting Police Chief
- m. 163-5.22 Bill List

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve *Minutes/Special Meeting/April 25, 2022*. Motion made by Councilman Mehta, second by Council President Davis.

#### Roll call:

Yays: Ms. Guadagnino, Messrs. Mehta, Lopez, Andrews, Socio and Davis

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None

# **Ordinances/First Reading/Introduction:**

#22-11 - An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2053, Cannabis Route 1 Corridor Overlay Zone and The Cannabis Jersey Avenue Overlay Zone

Mayor Womack called for a motion to introduce Ordinance #22-11 So moved by Council President Davis second by Councilman Andrews second reading and public hearing to be held at a regular meeting on May 31, 2022 at 7:00 pm in the North Brunswick Board of Education Meeting Room at Linwood School, 25 Linwood Place, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey Following legal publication in the May 19, 2022 issue of the Home News Tribune according to the law. This ordinance is posted in the Municipal Complex, 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey and Copies are available upon request.

#### Roll call:

Yays: Ms. Guadagnino, Messrs. Mehta, Lopez, Andrews, Socio and Davis

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None

#22-12 - An Ordinance of the Township on North Brunswick to Acquire by Negotiated Agreement, Real Property

Mayor Womack called for a motion to introduce Ordinance #22-12 So moved by Councilwoman Guadagnino second by Council President Davis second reading and public hearing to be held at a regular meeting on May 31, 2022 at 7:00 pm in the North Brunswick Board of Education Meeting Room at Linwood School, 25 Linwood Place, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey Following legal publication in the May 19, 2022 issue of the Home News Tribune according to the law. This ordinance is posted in the Municipal Complex, 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey and Copies are available upon request.

#### Roll call:

Yays: Ms. Guadagnino, Messrs. Mehta, Lopez, Andrews, Socio and Davis

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None

<u>#22-13</u> Bond Ordinance Providing for Capitol Improvements for and by the Township of North Brunswick, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, Appropriating the Aggregate Amount of \$3,000,000 Therefore and Authorizing the Issuance of \$2,850,000 in Bonds or Notes of the Township to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof

Mayor Womack called for a motion to introduce Ordinance #22-13 So moved by Councilman Andrews second by Council President Davis second reading and public hearing to be held at a regular meeting on May 31, 2022 at 7:00 pm in the North Brunswick Board of Education Meeting Room at Linwood School, 25 Linwood Place, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey Following legal publication in the May 19, 2022 issue of the Home News Tribune

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#### Roll call:

Yays: Ms. Guadagnino, Messrs. Mehta, Lopez, Andrews, Socio and Davis

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None

## Reports from Mayor, Council, Administrator, CFO

Councilman Socio announces May 30 is the 43<sup>rd</sup> 5k run at Community Park. Check in is by 7:30am. Dress patriotic, prizes will be awarded for best. There will be a run for fun race for the kids. Call Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Service for information.

Council President Davis announces on May 30 at 10 am Sabella park will be having a ceremony for Memorial Day. There will also be a service at Veteran Park at 11am – rain or shine. Council President Davis explains the difference between Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

Mayor Womack opened the Public Hearing at 7:16pm

Mark Lamonica speaks of a grievance issue that has been going on for some time.

Discussion continues between Mr. Lamonica, Mayor Womack, Ron Gordon, Councilman Andrews and Council President Davis.

Councilman Andrews reads the list of road being repaired. Director Hritz responds to questions regarding specific street repairs.

Director Hritz states letters will be mailed to the residents along the street repairs. They will be holding a meeting on June 2, 2022 at 7pm in the Middle School to discuss.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to close Public Hearing, so moved by Council President Davis second by Councilman Andrews.

#### Roll call:

Yays: Ms. Guadagnino, Messrs. Mehta, Lopez, Andrews, Socio and Davis

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None

Mayor Womack called for a motion to adjourn the meeting, so moved by Council President Davis, second by Councilman Andrews.

#### Roll call:

Yays: Ms. Guadagnino, Messrs. Mehta, Lopez, Andrews, Socio and Davis

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None

Adjourn 7:39 pm

Lisa Russo Municipal Clerk

# **Nellie Sowell**

Recurrence:

Subject: COUNCIL MEETING

**Start:** Mon 5/16/2022 7:00 PM **End:** Mon 5/16/2022 9:00 PM

End: Mon 5/16/2022 9:00 PM
Show Time As: Tentative

Meeting Status: Not yet responded

Organizer: Justine Progebin

Required Attendees: Lisa Russo; Nellie Sowell; Craig Yetsko

(none)

**COUNCIL MEETING** 

Mon, May 16, 2022 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (EDT)

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